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Subject	Review of New Permanent Monitoring Well Nest Locations - Revised	
	Vapor Intrusion and Expanded Groundwater Investigation	
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On behalf of the City, AECOM revised our previous Technical Memorandum, dated April 16, 2021, regarding the proposed locations for new permanent monitoring well nests. The revisions are based on feedback we received from the WDNR during our conference call on April 16, 2021 (@3:00pm). The previous Technical Memorandum was prepared following a conference call on with the WDNR on March 31, 2021, to review the proposed locations and reach consensus. The technical memoranda serve to memorialize points of discussion and the information considered for reaching consensus.

As discussed previously, the City is working to complete the vapor intrusion activities that were initiated based on the *Work Plan for Vapor Intrusion and Expanded Groundwater Investigation*, which was prepared and submitted to the WDNR in April 2019. The City and WDNR have worked collaboratively throughout the investigation and response to the discovery of vapor intrusion occurring in several residences within the Villa Park Subdivision located adjacent to the east of the Schuster Drive Landfill. Therefore, the purpose of these meetings was to review and reach consensus for the location and number of permanent monitoring wells with respect to the following two goals:

- (primary) to complete the vapor intrusion investigation by providing locations to monitor the VOC groundwater plume concentrations beneath homes in the Villa Park Neighborhood.
- (secondary) to replace existing monitoring wells in the landfill groundwater monitoring program because of issues with their locations or condition.

In consideration of the feedback from WDNR, we have expanded the number of well locations and focused their construction to monitor for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the shallow glacial sand and gravel aquifer. We believe that the proposed monitoring wells are now more appropriately located in alignment with the primary purpose of completing the vapor intrusion investigation. With the hope of reaching a consensus regarding these proposed monitoring well locations, the City is planning for the installation of new monitoring wells by mid-May 2021, and then to collect groundwater samples from newly installed monitoring wells concurrent with the annual groundwater monitoring event scheduled in June.

1.0 BACKGROUND

The Work Plan presented the installation of up to 6 new monitoring wells as two well nests consisting of a water table well and a piezometer screened at the bottom of the sand and gravel aquifer. The well nest locations were contingent on the outcome of the temporary well and vapor intrusion investigations.

In October 2020, AECOM presented to the WDNR the attached Figure 1 – Proposed Monitoring Well Abandonments, which also presented the proposed well nest locations for vapor intrusion investigation. The figure contained a table of the groundwater monitoring program and proposed changes that were being evaluated as part of an overall groundwater plan modification for the Schuster Drive Landfill. The purpose of that submission and ensuing discussion with WDNR was to introduce the City's intentions for the following:

- completing the vapor intrusion investigation with WDNR R&R with installation of these permanent monitoring wells, and
- completing a plan modification with WDNR WMM to formally update the landfill monitoring program.

While this technical memorandum is specifically regarding the installation of the new permanent well nests for the completion of the vapor intrusion investigation, the City continues to prepare a formal Groundwater Plan Modification for updating the entire groundwater monitoring program for the Schuster Dr Landfill, which will include other proposed monitoring well abandonments and replacements. While WDNR may concur with the new well nest locations for the purposes of completing the vapor intrusion investigation, we understand that approval of the other proposed changes will need to follow the established formal WDNR plan modification process.

Groundwater and vapor intrusion investigation information was previously presented in the *Interim Vapor Intrusion Progress Report*, dated March 12, 2020, which provided results through February 28, 2020, and was supplemented with additional periodic updates emailed to the WDNR through 2020 and into 2021. Furthermore, the recently submitted *2018-2019 Biennial Groundwater Monitoring Report*, dated March 24, 2021, provides additional groundwater monitoring data from the ongoing landfill monitoring program.

To support the review of the proposed well nest locations, attached are the following figures:

The following figures highlight results of the Vapor Intrusion Investigation and specifically shows the focus area in the southeast portion of the Villa Park Subdivision:

- Figure 2 Vapor Intrusion Investigation Vapor Sampling Status
- Figure 3 Vapor Intrusion Investigation Sump Water Sampling Status

The following figures show groundwater flow directions around the landfill and beneath the Villa Park Subdivision based on data from the annual landfill monitoring program:

- Figure 3B Water Table Map, Shallow Glacial Aquifer (2019)
- Figure 4B Potentiometric Map, Deep Bedrock Aquifer (2019)

The following figures show a groundwater TCE plume around the landfill and beneath the Villa Park Subdivision based on data from the annual landfill monitoring program and expanded groundwater investigation:

- Figure 7 TCE Isoconcentration Map, Shallow Glacial Aquifer (2019/2020)
- Figure 17 TCE Isoconcentration Map, Deep Bedrock Aquifer (2019)

The following figures show geologic cross-sections through the landfill and beneath the Villa Park Subdivision based on available boring logs and interpretation of available data:

- Figure 1A Proposed Modification to the Groundwater Monitoring Plan (Cross-Section Location Map)
- Figure 2 Geologic Cross Section A-A'
- Figure 3 Geologic Cross-section B-B'

The information presented in these figures, with the exception of the geologic cross-sections, was part of previous submittals to the WDNR for their review and comment. Those submittals provided the supporting data and discussion on their development and significance.

2.0 PROPOSED MONITORING WELL LOCATIONS FOR VAPOR INTRUSION MONITORING

The primary purpose of new groundwater monitoring well nest locations are for the completion of the vapor intrusion investigation. Therefore, those monitoring wells are proposed at locations to provide long-term monitoring of the groundwater conditions in close proximity to the foundations of buildings in the Villa Park Subdivision. As mentioned above, the Work Plan presented the installation of up to 6 new monitoring wells as two well nests consisting of a water table well and a piezometer screened at the bottom of the sand and gravel aquifer. Based on the outcome of the temporary well and vapor intrusion investigations, the previous technical memorandum proposed four paired monitoring well nests are proposed for installation to supplement the groundwater monitoring program.

Based on the original proposal, each of the nested well pairs was to include one well screened across the water table and a second well deeper that is completed at the base of the shallow glacial sand and gravel aquifer (and labeled as piezometers "PZ's"). Water table wells were to provide groundwater VOC concentrations and provide data on plume changes overtime. Piezometer wells were to provide information on vertical gradients and also indicate if the VOC plume was migrating at a deeper depth in the shallow glacial sand and gravel aquifer.

However, upon consideration of the feedback received from the WDNR, we have refocused the placement and construction of the monitoring wells. To provide more coverage of the shallow glacial sand and gravel aquifer, three monitoring well locations were added to the original four monitoring well locations. The previously planned piezometers are no longer proposed because monitoring of the bottom of the sand and gravel aquifer was unnecessary for vapor intrusion risk and were considered redundant in the overall landfill monitoring program.

Therefore, seven water table monitoring wells (MW-16 to MW-23) are proposed to be installed within the public right-of-way areas within and near the Villa Park neighborhood located to the northeast, east, and southeast of the landfill. In general, these locations will help confirm the site conceptual model and provide consistent monitoring coverage for VOCs across the subdivision where homes are closest to the water table, whereas the piezometers in deep glacial zones or into

bedrock are not needed for the purpose of determining vapor intrusion risk to the Villa Park Subdivision and neighboring West Bend Highlands Subdivision.

The rationale for each of the locations is as follows:

MW-16/PZ 16B (northeast): monitor the northeast portion of the Villa Park Subdivision and historical northeast groundwater VOC plume. Vapor intrusion investigation results places this location outside the focus area where vapor intrusion was observed and remedies undertaken. Vapor intrusion was not observed occurring in this portion of the subdivision, and sump water samples did not indicate the presence of VOCs in foundation water. Given the historical presence of the VOC plume (including TCE) at the water table, groundwater monitoring near homes at the lowest elevation (closest to the water table) was desired.

MW-18/PZ-18B and MW-21 (east): monitor the east portion of the Villa Park Subdivision and historical area where the groundwater VOC plume has not been observed. Vapor intrusion investigation results place these locations outside the focus area. Vapor intrusion was not observed occurring in this portion of the subdivision, and sump water samples did not indicate the presence of VOCs in foundation water. Furthermore, temporary well data also did not indicate the presence of VOCs at the water table. However, these locations will help confirm the site conceptual model and provide consistent monitoring coverage for VOCs across the subdivision where homes are closest to the water table.

MW-19/PZ-19B and MW-22 (southeast): monitor the southeast portion of the Villa Park Subdivision and where the groundwater VOC plume was found to be present at the water table. Vapor intrusion investigation results place these locations inside the focus area where vapor intrusion was observed and remedies undertaken. The MW-19 location is in an area where vapor intrusion was observed, and sump water and temporary well data indicated the presence of VOCs. The MW-22 location is in an area where vapor intrusion was not observed, but sump water and temporary well data indicated the presence of VOCs.

MW-20/PZ 20B (southeast): monitor the southeast portion of the Villa Park Subdivision and where the groundwater VOC plume was found to be present at the water table. Vapor intrusion investigation results places this location inside the focus area where vapor intrusion was observed and remedies undertaken. The MW-20 location is immediately upgradient of the areas where vapor intrusion was observed and sump water indicated the presence of VOCs. Because of the greater depth to the water table from the rapidly increasing ground elevation in the area, temporary well installation failed. Although the location is in the focus area, the homes immediately around this location were observed to not have vapor intrusion. Therefore, this well will provide information on the presence of VOCs at the water table and the stratigraphic separation between home foundations and the water table.

<u>MW-23 (east)</u>: monitor the far east extent of the groundwater VOC plume adjacent to the West Bend Highlands Subdivision. Groundwater monitoring results from private well PW-20 indicates the presence of the groundwater VOC plume (including TCE). Well construction information is not available for the private well, but well data indicates that it is likely a bedrock well. Therefore, this well will provide information on the presence of VOCs at the water table and the stratigraphic separation between home foundation and the water table.

An additional monitoring well (MW-17) will also be installed as a replacement for former monitoring well MW-11. Monitoring well MW-11 was abandoned on June 19, 2018 because the PVC casing within the well was bent and impeded equipment from being lowered downhole for groundwater

sampling. New monitoring MW-17 will be offset approximately 120 feet east of the former MW-11 location, so the well location is closer to the landfill access road.

Thus, a total of eight monitoring wells will be installed. The water table monitoring wells will be constructed with 2-inch diameter, Schedule 40 PVC screens and riser pipes except for replacement well MW-17. Because MW-17 will be greater than 100ft in total depth, the well will be constructed of 2.5-nch diameter Schedule 80 PVC screen and riser. All monitoring wells will be completed in accordance with Chapter NR141, Wisconsin Administrative Code (WAC).

3.0 FUTURE PLAN MODIFICATION CONSIDERATIONS

The secondary purpose of the new well nest locations are to add or replace monitoring well locations in the existing groundwater monitoring program. These proposed changes will be discussed in detail in the forthcoming Plan Modification to provide specific justifications and the supporting information. In the previous Technical Memorandum, we provided the following summary regarding how each of the new well nest locations were anticipated to contribute to the proposed monitoring changes:

<u>MW-16/PZ-16B (northeast)</u>: replaces C1, C2 (nest), TW15, TW16, and P15 monitoring shallow groundwater and deeper bedrock aquifer northeast of landfill.

MW-18/PZ-18B (east): partial replacement for the D-well nest, consisting of D1 (water table well), D2 (clay till piezometer), and D3 (bedrock piezometer).

<u>MW-19/PZ-19B (southeast)</u>: addition to provide monitoring of the shallow groundwater in southeast focus area.

<u>MW-20/PZ-20B (southeast)</u>: partial replacement for the E-well nest, consisting of E1 (water table well), E2 (clay till piezometer), and E3 (bedrock piezometer).

However, because we have refocused on monitoring the water table and no longer are adding piezometers, the proposed changes included in the Plan Modification will also be affected. We anticipate that the new MW-16 water table well will still facilitate that proposed abandonment of the nearby water table wells C-1, TW-15, TW-16, and P15. However, we now expect that the D-series and E-series well nests may need to be retained in the landfill monitoring program to continue monitoring the water table and bedrock aquifers, although the intermediate piezometers in both nests may still be abandoned.

As additions and replacements, the new monitoring wells will be positioned in the Villa Park Subdivision for their primary purpose of monitoring the shallow glacial sand and gravel aquifer in the area where building foundations are most likely to be affected by vapor intrusion from the groundwater VOC plume. The proposed plan modification will provide further justifications for abandoning the monitoring wells that are being replaced; however, this memorandum is <u>not</u> seeking the approval for those changes to the landfill groundwater monitoring plan.

6.0 CONCLUSION/RECOMMENDATIONS

We trust this revised Technical Memorandum provides a sufficient level of detail for the installation of the proposed monitoring wells to complete the vapor intrusion investigation in the Villa Park Neighborhood. Therefore, our goal for installing these monitoring wells is to satisfy their primary purpose of monitoring the groundwater VOC plume in the shallow glacial sand and gravel aquifer

beneath the Villa Park Subdivision related to vapor intrusion and then to improve the efficiency of the overall groundwater monitoring program by allowing for the reduction of unnecessary or redundant wells.

We appreciate the feedback and collaboration with the WDNR to develop this refocused approach for the placement of the permanent monitoring wells and completing the vapor intrusion investigation. Upon WDNR's review of this memorandum, we will schedule a conference call to discuss concurrence or further refinement on the proposed locations.

Attachments:

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